

WATERTOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS HELPFUL INFORMATION

Did you know -

Christmas trees are picked up curb side and chipped for recycling the month of January?

Did you know –

Hydrant flushing begins mid September annually?

Did you know -

A scheduled Holiday postpones trash and recycling collection by 1 day?

Did you know -

Any and all curbside pick up must be out before 7 AM and should not be placed curbside before 6 PM on the night before?

Did you know -

Yard waste pick up is town wide and always on a Friday *except* when there is a holiday?

Did you know -

Compost bins are available at Public Works, 124 Orchard Street for \$40.00? Please call 617-972-6420, DPW requires a 24 hour notice prior to purchasing a compost bin.

Did you know -

Public Works accepts cash, checks and/or money orders, made out to the Town of Watertown. No debit or charge cards accepted.

Did you know -

The recycling center has a mixed metals dumpster?

Did you know –

The recycling center no longer accepts televisions and computer monitors. They are now picked up curbside every Friday. Please contact Public Works at 617-972-6420 to schedule a pick up. Thursday at noon is the cut off for each particular week to get on the list for pick up.

**Did you know -
Public Works has a Mercury Shed that is located at 124 Orchard Street?**

**Did you know -
Mercury is an element that can be harmful to humans and the environment if not disposed of properly?**

**Did you know -
A final water reading is necessary when you sell your property? If the owner is dealing with a real estate agent the agent must call the Department of Public Works to schedule the appointment. Readings must be scheduled 7 working days in advance of the closing with a fee of \$25.00. If less than 7 working days the fee is \$40.00. Paperwork may be picked up the following work day at 124 Orchard Street, Watertown.**

**Did you know -
Hard covers must be removed from books before recycling?**

**Did you know –
Residents do not drop off televisions and computer monitors at the Recycle Center, Curbside only.**

**Did you know -
Flooring materials, window panes and sashes, and plasterboard are considered construction debris and will not be picked up curb side? Available vendors and telephone numbers are located in the Collection Calendar.**

**Did you know –
The Town's waste and recycling contractor is Allied Waste?**

**Did you know –
There is a list of vendors and telephone numbers for private disposal in the Watertown collection calendar?**

**Did you know –
Watertown recycles plastic containers labeled 1 through 7? You will find these numbers on the bottom of the container.**

**Did you know –
Recycling is picked up every other week? The red and green bins are geographically split, red bins are picked up one week, green the next. If you lose track you may refer back to the collection calendar, which is color coded; red weeks, green weeks.**

Did you know –

Life Line Discount is a 20% reduction on your water/sewer bill and must be renewed annually? To qualify you must be receiving fuel assistance OR be eligible for 17C or 41D. For further information on qualification of 17C or 41D contact the Assessor's Office at 617-972-6410.

Did you know –

Your water meter is located inside your home, in the basement, on an outside wall and should be unobstructed in a heated area during winter months?

Did you know –

A full tub contains 35 gallons of water?

Did you know –

Leaks waste a lot of water! A single slow steady dripping faucet can waste 75 or more gallons of water per week depending on the rate of flow?

Did you know –

There is 7.49 gallons in a cubic foot of water?

Did you know –

To report a street light out or intermittent light you must call the Department of Public Works at 617-972-6420 for repairs? It would be helpful to have a telephone pole number along with the address which the pole is in front of.

Did you know –

If a contractor is digging in the street a *Dig Safe* number and a permit is required?

Did you know –

Abandoning a shopping cart on the street is illegal dumping?

Did you know –

Dumpsters and Pods require a permit (if placed on the street) issued from the Department of Public Works? However, if the dumpster can be placed in your driveway it must. Public Works will visit the site to approve or disapprove. The fee to be placed on the street is \$50.00 upon additional approval of the Police and Fire Departments. During the winter months of "off street parking" there will be no approval for pods or dumpsters overnight.

Did you know –

Homeowners are *expected* to shovel their sidewalks to create a safe passage?

Did you know –

By law, commercial properties are *required* to clear their sidewalks?